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Cooperative Natural Resource Damage Assessment: The NOAA Story

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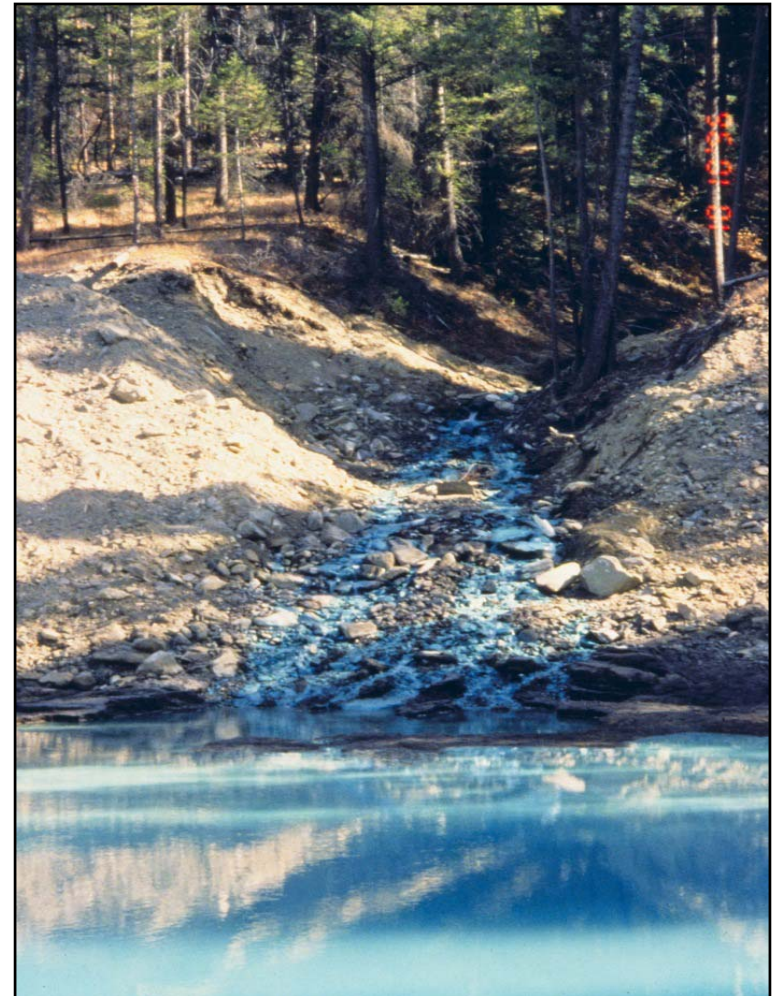
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In the beginning....

- Separation of “litigations” from “cooperative” settlements
- Lessons learned from resolution of early litigations

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Blackbird Mine



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Early Lessons: What Works

- Integrating damage assessment with the remedial process
- Restoration-based assessments
- Using reasonable assumptions within a rigorous scientific framework

Development of CAP

- 1999 – Green Coasts concept paper
- 2001 – Individual stakeholder meetings
- 2002 – CAP Stakeholder Work Group
 - Develop and test cooperative assessment methods
 - Spread the word about the benefits of cooperative assessment approaches



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Stakeholder Work Group

■ Private Interests

- Chevron Texaco
- Dupont Specialty Chemicals
- Shell Global Solutions
- ALCOA
- American International Companies (AIG)
- Patton Boggs
- Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen Associations

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Stakeholder Work Group

■ States

- California
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey

■ Tribes

- Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin
- Tulalip Tribe
- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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Stakeholder Work Group

- Environmental Interest Groups
 - Natural Resources Defense Council
 - Sierra Club
- Federal Agencies
 - Department of the Interior
 - NOAA
 - U.S. Department of Justice
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Next Steps: Stakeholder Work Group

- “Tool Box” for cooperative assessments
 - Framework and potential approaches and example documents developed on CAP web site
- Pilot Projects – Palmer Barge, Texas
- Needs identified at this workshop

Updates on web site (www.darp.noaa.gov/cap.htm)



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